

DEFENSE OF ALBERT DAVIS

Drawers of Safe at Station B Opened with Stove Shaker.

FRIENDS OF ACCUSED MAN WORKING HARD

Investigation Shows Access to Suburban Postoffice Was Easy, and Only Knowledge of Combination Was Necessary to Secure Money.

Since the arrest of Albert Davis on the charge of robbing postoffice station B of nearly \$500 on the day when he was placed in charge of the office upon the arrest of Richard Phoenix for embezzlement Davis' friends have been busy searching for evidence which would clear the young man of the charge. They claim to have secured enough evidence to acquit him, but have not announced their intention of keeping up the investigation until the guilty man is found.

In the work of investigation the safe and surroundings at station B were carefully examined, and the people living in the neighborhood were questioned. It was learned that the man reading over the postoffice had about 4 o'clock on the morning the robbery was discovered heard a noise in the building as of some one shaking the stove. With this as a clue the safe was examined, when it was learned that the carrier at the station had known the matter for some little time and had kept quiet for fear of being involved in the case.

The safe is a large one with double doors. It has two drawers in the center, the upper one being where the stamp money was kept and the lower was used for the money order funds. The latter drawer was opened, and money which Davis is charged with stealing. The outer doors of the safe show no signs of being tampered with, proving to the satisfaction of all that the money was taken by some one having the combination to the safe. When these doors are opened it is evident, according to the investigators, that the drawers were not opened with the keys which were in the pocket of Albert Davis, and that these were the only keys with which they could be opened is shown by the fact that the duplicate keys were and still are in the drawers.

How It May Have Been Done.

The shaker to the grate of the stove is always attached to the grate but easily removable, and the investigator, in the presence of the clerk at the station, took this shaker, and fitting the small end into the marks already on the upper drawer—marks said to have been made on the night of the robbery—found that this was the drawer away from the bolt of the lock so that the drawer was opened, and then with the same pressure and making no deeper marks, forced the drawer shut so that it was apparently locked as before. This satisfied those who saw it that the upper drawer had been opened without a key, but they pointed to the absence of marks on the lower drawer as evidence that a key had been used upon it.

Close observation showed two small marks upon the upper edge of the lower drawer, but they would not fit any part of the shaker. In the safe, and attached to it by a chain, is the key which is used to open the registered mail sacks. It is a thin piece of steel about three inches long and half an inch wide. The edge of it fits the marks upon the lower drawer, and without making those marks more pronounced the investigator forced the lower drawer open, and then closed it so that the fact that it had been forced open was discovered.

Investigation of the building shows that it is easy for any one to gain entrance to it. A window opening into the basement at the front of the building is fastened, if at all, with small nails, which can easily be bent by pressure from the outside, and under the window is a pile of anthracite coal upon which no mark will be made by a person walking through it. Once in the basement, access to the postoffice is easy through a trap door, which is never fastened, and which is reached by a few steps. It is reported that when Davis went to the home of Richard Phoenix to secure the combination to the safe on the night of the robbery he told Phoenix that he had not sent the money to the central office. It is said that Phoenix had given the combination to other parties, and when a reporter called at Phoenix's home to interview him upon the subject, it was said that he was out of town and that his family did not know when he would return.

VALENTINE DAY IN OMAHA

Letter Carriers Note a Revival of the Ancient Custom Which for Several Years Was on the Wane.

St. Valentine's day was more generally observed in Omaha yesterday than for several years previous and the letter carriers noted an increase in their budgets when they started out in the morning through the residence districts. The original custom of sending pretty souvenirs to sweethearts on St. Valentine's day was continued for many years, but gradually began to wane and instead there sprang up the habit of mailing comic pictures with reading matter attached—a vulgar travesty on the sentiment embodied in the original idea. There has never been an entire abandonment, however, of the souvenir idea and this year the windows of department stores, bookshops and other places were illumined with elegant productions. There was also an elaborate representation in the county line. Dealers say the old custom will probably be revived to the extent it attained in former years.

According to ancient tradition St. Valentine's day—February 14—is the date when the birds choose their mates. That part of the story would hardly have held good yesterday, for there was too much snow and too

much frigidity of atmosphere for the birds to go a-roving. The day derived its name in honor of Valentine, who was beheaded by Romans, and it has been observed throughout the civilized world, more or less, for ages.

KELLER IS NOW A PRISONER

Agricultural Implement Dealer Accused of Fraud Is Arrested by Deputy Flynn.

Deputy Sheriff Flynn has returned from Lawrence, this state, where he went to arrest Joseph Keller, who is charged by the Parlin, Orendorf & Martin company of this city with obtaining goods under false representations. The amount involved is \$5,000. Keller accompanied Deputy Flynn as calmly as though he were making a business trip to Omaha instead of coming under official surveillance. Keller is a dealer in farming implements at Lawrence, and has lived there several years. It is alleged that he submitted to the complainant company an exaggerated statement of his assets, thereby gaining credit. Keller was permitted to sit in the sheriff's office instead of being committed to jail. He expects to give bond immediately after arraignment. "I have nothing to say just now," said Keller, in response to a request for his version of the affair, "but there are usually two sides to every story, and I shall tell mine when I get into court." The accused is of respectable appearance, and it is said that his previous reputation has been good.

AUCTION SALE OF RUGS, ETC.

Thursday is positively the last day, so don't fail to be in attendance. The rug sale at 1612 Farnam st. will positively close Thursday. An auction sale will be held Wednesday Eve. at 7:30 and Thursday at 10:30 a. m. and at 2:30 and 7:30 p. m. All the rare rugs and carpets and art gems that have delighted the people appreciating art and antiquity will be sold to the highest bidder. You have the same opportunity that several of your friends have availed themselves of to buy a rare rug or art gem at your own price. Remember, but one day more is this opportunity yours. UHRLAND'S ART GALLERIES, 1612 Farnam St.

WANT TO BE PHARMACISTS

Thirty-Five Young Men and Women Examined as to Their Knowledge of Pharmacy.

The Nebraska State Board of Pharmacy held its regular quarterly examination for applicants for registration as pharmacists in this city yesterday. The board is composed of Henry R. Gering, president, Plattsmouth; Nick P. Hansen, vice president, Kearney; Charles L. Sullivan, vice president, Columbus; J. H. Schmidt, treasurer, Omaha, and Henry H. Barth, secretary, Lincoln, all of whom are in attendance. The examination was concluded last evening and the papers of the applicants will be examined by the members of the board, preparatory to the announcement of the successful and unsuccessful candidates. The applicants for registration number thirty-five, the majority being young men. They come from various cities in the state and members of the examining board declare it to be one of the highest appearing classes that has ever appeared before them.

A frightful blunder will often cause a horrible burn, scald, cut or bruise. Buy and use Arnica Salve will kill the pain and promptly heal it. Cures fever sores, ulcers, boils, corns, all skin eruptions. Best pile cure on earth. Only 25c a box. Cure guaranteed. Sold by Kuhn & Co., druggists.

The verdict of the traveling public, who have used the Illinois Central's new trains between Omaha and Chicago and St. Paul-Minneapolis, is "It can't be beat." City ticket office 1402 Farnam st.

Entertainment. A. Roy Israel, humorist, impersonator and member of the University of Nebraska quartet, will give an entertainment at the South Tenth Street Methodist Episcopal church, Tenth and Pierce streets, Thursday evening, February 15.

"Gallia," the great composition of Gounod, so successfully rendered last week at the First Methodist church, will be repeated on Friday evening of this week at St. Mary's Avenue Congregational church, with a fine miscellaneous program in addition.

A Commercial Club Man Says the finest trains that leave the city are run on the Illinois Central R. R. They go to Chicago, Minneapolis and St. Paul. Inquire at 1402 Farnam st.

BOSTON STORE BLANKETS

Today We Close Out All Soiled Blankets and All Blankets from

DETROIT WHOLESALE STOCK

Also Still Greater Bargains in All Wool Challis at 25c-Silk Muscine de Soie 20c-Silks 30c and 40c, Etc.

500 BLANKETS, 150 EACH.

At the such all the old cotton fleeced blankets that are worth up to 50c.

At 75c pair all the cotton fleeced blankets, 11-14 size and very heavy, that sold up to \$1.50 pair.

At \$1.25 pair, all the heavy wool blankets, slightly soiled, 11-14 size and extra weight, that sold up to \$3.00 pair.

At \$2.50 pair we include everything in all wool blankets that are in the least soiled, goods worth up to \$5.50 pair.

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Why? Because the shoe bargains are really and truly great that customers do one another to take advantage of the wonderful sale.

At BOSTON STORE. More \$5 and \$1 men's shoes for \$1.98. More \$5 and \$1 and \$3 ladies' shoes for \$1.98.

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thief of a pair of trousers, an offense with which one of their number was charged. Three testified for the state and three for the defendant and the evidence was so contradictory that the accused was dismissed. It happened that most of the Caucasian element was concerned, directly or indirectly, in cases of alleged vagrancy.

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